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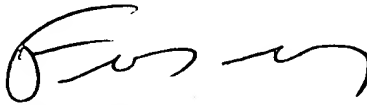
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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						YES	NO
A	JP 11-345261	12-1999	Japan				
B	JP 09-251385	09-1997	Japan				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

C	"Super Art of Invention TRIZ series 3: Technique Edition, Invention Rule of 40 Illustrations", Nikkei BP Inc., 1999 (with translation).

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